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I am writing in opposition to the proposed final judgment in United States v. Microsoft.

As a professional software engineer, I have repeatedly seen Microsoft abuse its market position to extend its monopoly into new markets and to destroy upcoming competitors. Microsoft has used various means to do this, including:

- hiding technical information (delaying or not publishing APIs, protocols, and file formats)
- introducing technical incompatibilities (introducing artificial limitations in compatibility and extending standards in incompatible ways)
- restrictive license agreements (requiring use of products only on Microsoft operating systems)
- restrictions in contracts with resellers (preventing modifications to Microsoft operating systems or inclusion of 3rd-party products)

The proposed final judgment does not include sufficient penalties or restrictions to either reduce the gains Microsoft has received from these illegal actions, or to prevent Microsoft from performing similar abuses in the future.

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